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MVI on Malahat brings traffic to a standstill for 14 hours

TRANSPORTATION

by Mary P Brooke | West Shore Voice News



EVENING CLEANUP & INCIDENT INVESTIGATION: Hazmat and Fire Rescue crews at the site of the motor vehicle crash on Hwy 1 in the Goldstream Park area of the Malahat stretch, just north of Langford, all evening until midnight. The crash was called into first responders at 10:54 am. [This photo taken around 7:30 pm]

● **The Highway 1 Malahat section** at Goldstream Provincial Park that was closed from about 11 am on Thursday morning May 24 following a vehicle crash re-opened around 1 am on Friday morning May 25. For those 14 hours, the travelling public was challenged to revise their routes and schedules.

The motor vehicle incident (MVI) in which a white delivery van collided with a blue and white fuel truck was called in to first responders around 10:54 am. Attending on scene were fire rescue, ambulance, police, hazmat, and road management teams.

"There was a tremendous amount of support that aided us today," said Langford Fire Chief Aubrey on Thursday afternoon. "View Royal sent an engine with four firefighters, and Colwood was on standby to cover any additional calls for us. We also called in Central Saanich Fire Department for the CRD Hazmat trailer to provide more equipment, but were able to cancel them when BC Hazmat arrived. We also had Langford Bylaw assist with traffic control, RCMP, BCAS, Mainroad, BC Hazmat, West Shore Towing, West Coast Environmental, Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Environment, EMBC, BC Parks and the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Division all helped," he said

By mid-evening there was still plenty of summer light, but a mobile set of large night lights was brought in for work to continue by environmental crews and accident investigators. On site in the evening were reps from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Ministry of Environment, BC Hazmat, Langford Fire Rescue, Colwood Fire Dept (with their hazmat truck), Mainroad South Island (with huge lights for nightwork), SPR Traffic Services, and the RCMP incident investigator. Among other requirements, there was the work of drilling the tank on the tipped-over fuel truck in order to release the fuel. The truck had been carrying 5,000 litres of furnace fuel and gasoline.

The incident occurred on Hwy 1 (Trans Canada) at Finlayson Arm Road. Motorists heading out of Victoria to head upisland were turned back. Motorists blocked from access into Victoria turned to the Mill Bay ferry for a way around, or waited.

Some motorists lined up along West Shore Parkway on Thursday evening, waiting it out to head north on Hwy 1; they were prepared to sleep in their vehicles if need be (services close by included Tim Hortons and a Shell gas station, with a grocery store further back along West Shore Parkway on Langford Parkway). Mainroad South Island personnel advised those travellers of the 180 km detour along the Pacific Marine Circle Route (Hwy 14 through Port Renfrew then down to Duncan via Hwy 18) that would take three to five hours. Many people did take the Pacific Marine Circle Route detour, said Mainroad reps -- perhaps some for the first time along Highway 14 (West Coast Road) toward Port Renfrew including some single lane bridges, on toward Duncan on Hwy 18.



Tipped-over FAS fuel truck had been carrying about 5,000 litres of furnace fuel & gasoline.

75th Annual Swiftsure

West Shore Voice News

● **The 75th Annual Swiftsure 2018 International Yacht Race** got some wind behind its sails on Saturday morning, May 26. There are 192 boats registered to sail this weekend. Participants have come from California, Oregon, Washington State and from all over BC.

Most boats will have someone on the bow at the start, watching for opportunities for clean air (not having wind blanketed by upwind boats).

Six races start at Clover Point, at 10 minute intervals beginning at 9 am. VHF Channel 9 is used for the countdown. Each year the public comes in droves to watch the race starts. The races are followed online by armchair sailors around the world (over half a million in 2017) using Swiftsure's Race Tracker. Advances in data communication technology enable regular and consistent reporting of boat positions. www.swiftsure.org/race-tracker/

The first boats to finish will likely be the Juan de Fuca multihull fleet. The fastest boats could arrive before midnight Saturday. The first monohulls on the Juan de Fuca course could begin arriving after midnight or early Sunday morning, say race organizers.

Swiftsure appeals to experienced amateurs (racers and cruisers) and professional racers. Varied course lengths and uncertain sailing conditions test strategy, tactics, and seamanship. Swiftsure is considered a grueling test against the elements (fog, drizzle/rain, heavy winds, strong tidal currents, darkness). As well, the large number of commercial boats in the Strait of Juan de Fuca require a focus on safety and pose a constant challenge to mariner skills. **WSV**



Sailboats clustered in the Victoria Inner Harbour this week, ahead of participation in the Swiftsure race.

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Editorial

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Getting it right for the next 10 years in Colwood



Mary P Brooke
Editor

● **Getting stuck.** We're all familiar with that feeling. Something digs in and you just can't seem to get past it.

When that happens on a political level the slowdown can impact an entire community. Such has been the case in Colwood this year where a long drawn out tangled struggle between staff, some members of council, and various stakeholders (particularly developers) appears to still be hobbling the process of Official Community Plan (OCP) approval.

Most of us don't think about OCPs every day. They are usually bulky, detailed documents that offer lofty ideas about community mission and use jargon about things like zoning bylaws, and are mostly found sitting on the bookshelves of administrators and politicians.

But as a vision statement by which infrastructure, housing and neighbourhood amenities are guided, an OCP looms large in all of our lives. All the more reason for elected leaders to want to get it right. And in the subtext: do they want to do this ahead of the fall 2018 municipal election, or leave an opportunity open for a new council with a four-year term into 2022?

The public in Colwood has had ample opportunity for input (the extensive 'Making Waves' public input process in 2016-2017). That input falls within the realm of ideas, hopes, and suggestions. In the hands of the city staff and council that information gets shaped with the goals and vision of the elected leaders. Reminder, this is where the rubber hits the road when you vote (next municipal election across BC is on October 20, 2018). Sometimes singular decisions at the council table will affect you as a resident and taxpayers for years, even decades.

As Vancouver Island-based planning and development consultant Mark Holland said recently, an OCP "done incorrectly" can set a road map to "increased taxes, unachievable goals, cynicism, politicization, infrastructure problems, safety hazards and loss of economic development".

When it comes to developers -- the ones who have the money and verve to build big things like apartment buildings and community amenities, well too bad there is a taint of toxicity in Canadian thought that translates into distrust of this distinct sector of the economy. These new housing units that everyone wants

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... **About 35 flaggers** and on-road personnel from Mainroad South Island were out around Hwy 14 and along the Pacific Marine Circle route for many hours (especially at the single lane bridges), checking for any stranded motorists who may have run out of fuel or in medical distress and providing water and granola bars if anyone is in urgent need. Porta-potties were set up in various areas for flaggers and waiting motorists.

In anticipation of an event like this, Mainroad had on hand a glossy colour brochure that outlined five alternate detour routes: Finlayson Arm Road (not viable for large vehicles), Pacific Marine Circle Route (including that the last gas station is at Sooke), Mill Bay Ferry (day time service only), Shawnigan Lake Road (additional instructions for large trucks), and Salt Spring Island. The brochure showed three agencies prominently on the front page: BC Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure, Mainroad South Island Contracting, and BC Ferries.

Mainroad had about 50 personnel available in total; there was a shift change at 11:30 pm after a long day. Some flaggers had to be redirected from construction sites earlier, to help out with this MVI situation. "We've got all resources on this, this is big," says Mainroad's road manager Stuart Eaton.

"We used Absorbol to initially stop the spread of the leak and to suppress the flammable vapours," said Chief Aubrey. HazMat crews used booms and more absorbent material once they arrived. A sand truck was ready to go to help prevent the spread of the fluids. As of 3 pm, one engine was still on scene while BC Hazmat waited to drain the remaining product from the truck and tip the tow truck back onto its wheels. However, fire rescue crews await RCMP Analysts to finish before draining the tanks could begin.

"An unknown quantity of furnace oil and diesel leaked out of a fuel truck and into the ditch along the road way. Ministry of Environment and BC Parks staff were assessing to see if any made it into the river, but we are optimistic that we were able to contain it before that happened," Aubrey told *West Shore Voice News*.

The sole occupants of both vehicles were injured. The driver of the delivery van was seriously injured (non-life threatening) and she underwent surgery the next day. The fuel truck driver's injuries were less serious. Langford Fire Chief Chris Aubrey said attending to the injured drivers was their first priority, then it was about containing the spill. After that, the scene remained with the Ministry of Environment, RCMP and BC Hazmat. "We are supporting their efforts to fully mitigate the emergency," Aubrey said around 3:30 pm Thursday. "We have been told it could take six hours to drain the tanks once RCMP Analysts are finished which is why the road remains closed at this time." As it turned out, the fuel draining started around 7:30 pm.

Finlayson Arm Road remained open for emergency vehicles, local residents and non-commercial traffic by pilot car in one direction at a time, said RCMP. In addition to inconvenienced drivers, in the after-school time frame (after 3 pm) the SD62 school buses on routes 4, 6 and 25 experienced some long delays.

City of Langford Engineering advised media that Highway 1 was closed southbound at South Shawnigan Lake Road and northbound at West Shore Parkway. Some drivers chose to head to the Mill Bay ferry at Brentwood Bay where the waits were very quickly quite long.

Public chatter on social media was about needing an alternate route around the Malahat for incidents like this. But the cost of building an alternate highway probably outweighs the inconvenience and obstruction during a few incidents like this one. The previous full Hwy 1 closure on the Malahat was in April 2011 when a fuel truck tipped and diesel spilled into the Goldstream River. It was after that incident that planning for future such events began among first responders, spearheaded by Langford Fire Rescue's now-retired Fire Chief Bob Beckett.



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don't go up by magic. Many people get their hands dirty to build them, and developers take a financial risk for which they should not be begrudged the profit (that's their paycheque for the undertaking the stress of politics, construction management, and answering to the big banks).

Whatever Colwood council ultimately decides is beyond anyone's control. What matters is the process ahead of that, which should not be effectively dismissing qualified advice (offered free) by the west shore development community.

Developers are sounding the alarm that new proposed OCP as it presently stands would push up the cost of housing in Colwood in ways that can still be avoided. That should matter to everyone. ■

Discussion of the Colwood OCP comes up again at the May 28 City of Colwood council meeting.



The crash site was just north of entry to Goldstream Provincial Park (just past 2900-block Hwy 1). Travel distance to crash site = 2.5 km along Hwy 1 from West Shore Pkwy.



The long wait: mid-evening Thursday May 24 several vehicles were beginning to line up along West Shore Parkway, waiting for Hwy 1 Northbound to open again.

In the heat of the moment upon arriving at the MVI just after 11 am, Chief Aubrey had said: "Our responsibility was to extricate the one patient with the Jaws of Life, contain the spill, mitigate the fire threat and to set up a containment zone which are all complete." Langford Fire left one engine still on scene awaiting the work of BC Hazmat draining the remaining product from the truck, and Langford Fire remained on scene to support the efforts of the Ministry of Environment, RCMP and BC Hazmat to fully mitigate the emergency." RCMP analysts were expected to take about six hours, requiring the road to remain closed.

Chief Aubrey said mid-day that the "the majority of our work is done", but he himself was back at the MVI site on Thursday evening, amidst the work being done by hazmat teams.

While this was the big news of the day on South Vancouver Island on Thursday, by Friday everything was back to normal. The chaos amidst the travelling public on the day of the incident and the attention duly paid to alternate route management (especially along the protracted Pacific Marine Circle Route detour) is an indicator of the importance of transportation management.

The planning that took place after the April 2011 spill incident paid off, as seen in the level of coordination between fire departments, hazmat, police and road support crews. And nowadays social media takes care of a lot of the immediate communication piece. The role of professional media is to gain access to the incident site for the firsthand situational view (observation and photos), to attain verifiable information from reputable contacts, and to make those factual reports available through the major distribution channels of TV, radio, print news, and online news portals (news website, Facebook and Twitter). **WSV**

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Sooke Library:
the story it is,
the stories it tells

Mary P Brooke
West Shore Voice News

● The Sooke library has been going through some transitional phases.

For about eight years the decision-making about opening a new library hobbled along through various political incarnations. A design and construction timeline for a new Sooke library on Wadams Way was finally announced by the Vancouver Island Regional Library board (VIRL) last week. Construction start is targeted for Fall 2018, with completion now aiming for mid 2020.

Meanwhile, it's been about a year since the Sooke Library had one full-time librarian. Library Manager is Stephen R Warren has been overseeing both the Sooke branch and the Port Renfrew branch while bridging his duties at the Cowican Branch.

Now, starting mid-April, the Sooke branch that serves a population of about 13,000 has its first Customer Services Librarian who is designated to Children and Youth Services. Nathalie Jones focuses on the kids; she holds an MA in Library and Information Science and has worked in culture and heritage archiving for a municipal government. This new permanent position for a Child and



Over a dozen young children showed up for Dino-Mite storytime at the Sooke Library this week, part of children's programming led by new customer services librarian Nathalie Jones. [WSV photo by Chelsea Kirkpatrick]

Youth Librarian position was created in preparation for the upcoming new Sooke branch to fit the needs of the growing community with programs, activities and outreach.

For storytime: "We have a weekly theme based on topics I am interested in, current events (e.g. upcoming holidays), or I ask parents/guardians and the children what they like," says Jones. "This past week we had a dinosaur theme because one little girl said she really liked dinosaurs. I typically read about three books with songs in between each," she says.

So far the activity is targeted to children up to age 5, but all ages welcome. Just a month in, the program already sees about 15 to 20 children

per week as well as their parents or guardians. "That is a really amazing turnout for the size of the community, especially considering we just started storytime back up. The storytime is always drop-in."

Children's storytime which runs Tuesday mornings 10:30 to 11 am will continue through June then pause over the summer as programming shifts to the Summer Reading Club for all ages.

Jones is also keen about young adult materials and enjoys talking to teens and others who appreciate that specialty genre. **WSV**



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● The popular Rock the Shores (RTS) outdoor concert is back this summer in Colwood for three days: Friday July 13 through Sunday July 15. In 2017 RTS took a one-year hiatus when most acts were snatched up by Canada Day festivities. Here's how to get #RTS2018 tickets:

Three-Day and Single-Day GA and VIP tickets are on sale now, and available in person at West Shore Parks & Recreation (1767 Island Hwy, 250-478-8384) and Lyle's Place (770 Yates St., 250-382-8422). All tickets non-refundable and non-exchangeable. **VIP tickets** include priority entrance, access to a raised viewing deck, seating (limited), VIP food and beverage area, and private washroom facilities. All children in the VIP area must possess VIP passes.

Reserved seating (add-on) \$25 to \$40+s/c includes one adirondack (flat board) chair with beverage holders. Choose your exact seat. Available on a by-day basis. **Parking** \$25 to \$75+ s/c. Cycling, public transit, and carpooling recommended.

Rock The Shores is an all-ages and licensed event. They encourage all families to enjoy the festival, and offer free general admission festival passes to children up to age 12 when registered and accompanied by an adult. Children will need a purchased VIP ticket to enter the VIP area (up to four children/adult). Appropriate hearing protection recommended for children. Valid ID for your children is required; ID wristbands will be provided.

Cabanas are back for #RTS2018. They offer private, furnished cabanas as an option for festival-goers who prefer a more luxurious approach to their live music experience. The cabanas are secure and separate from the general admission festival grounds to provide partially covered shelter and shade and "a dedicated porter will attend to your every need" say RTS organizers. Cabana supply is quite limited. For more information email to guestservices@rocktheshores.com

Several sponsors are conducting contests to provide a pair of General Admission weekend passes to the lucky winner. The *West Shore Voice News* contest will accept entries up to June 8. Just send an email to news@westshorevoicenews.com with a note about what you think makes a good pop/rock song. One winning entrant will be announced in our June 15 issue.

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Sheringham Lighthouse restoration update May 2018

West Shore Voice News

● The extensive lighthouse restoration project by the Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society (SPLPS) continues at full pace. "With the generous support provided by local resident Dr. Marvin Caruthers and the Westaway Foundation (led by Peter and Birgit Westaway), as well as a host of other donors, we have been able to proceed with our efforts to ensure that the Lighthouse will be fully restored and protected for generations to come," say lighthouse organizers.

Erosion control measures and re-installation and upgrading of power to the site (including installation of a solar power array and a new electrical shed) are now complete. The railings around the engine room have been repainted (powder-coated) and the remaining railings will soon be repainted. Additional safety measures will be added to the rails shortly. Significant concrete repairs to the inside of the tower have been completed, and patching on the exterior of both the tower and the engine room continues.

Scaffolding and hoarding is in place around the lantern room at the top of the tower. This has allowed us to remove all of the windows (all but six were damaged, and will be replaced – replacement windows have been manufactured and are on site). As well, all of the corrosion (rust) on the exterior of the lantern room has now been removed. The badly-corroded door to the exterior catwalk was removed, then cleaned up and repaired, and has now been re-installed. The vents in the lantern room (which were painted over and made unusable) have been cleaned and will again be operational.

Work continues to remove, clean and restore the weather vane at the top of the dome. Once that is completed, washing down the structure and repainting will begin (three coats of specialized paint will be applied). Both the exterior and the interior of the lantern room and tower will be painted. Once the lantern room painting is complete, the windows will be replaced, and the scaffolding removed. The next step will be to repaint the tower, and following that, the engine room. **WSV**



Restoration work at the Sheringham lighthouse (May 2018).

Chelsea Kirkpatrick ~ West Shore Voice News

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Goodlife kickoff

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Participants in a Magical Mystery Retro Run in downtown Victoria on Tuesday evening, May 22, received NewBalance headbands as part of the fun. The event was the promo launch for the GoodLife Fitness Victoria Marathon happening on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 7, 2018. www.runvictoriamarathon.com



Brynn Featherstone ~ for GoodLife Fitness Victoria Marathon

Getting buses onto the unused E&N corridor

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

● **Pushing for greater use of public transit** instead of more people using passenger vehicles for commuting in the Greater Victoria area, last week Premier John Horgan told business leaders at a May 15 event that he sees buses on the currently dormant E&N rail corridor as a logical solution to daily commuter gridlocks between the west shore and downtown.

Getting the Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) on board for a bus fleet down the E&N corridor is the first necessary step, it was stated by the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) in a statement to *West Shore Voice News* this week. Until that happens, the government is not going to invest in a detailed costing of trains vs buses, the ministry said.

In Langford, from which many residents in the fast-growing west shore municipality head daily to work or education in Victoria, Esquimalt, Saanich and beyond, Mayor Stew Young is keen to see installation of the necessary infrastructure for a bus service along the E&N, where trains last ran in 2011. "I would still like to see the business case for train and bus as was supposed to be done by the province. Otherwise the public may question the political decision," said Mayor Young told *West Shore Voice News*. Premier Horgan said earlier this year that the government already has many E&N studies and reports going back many years.

Meanwhile, Highway 1 in and out of the west shore sees construction of bus lanes. Additional vehicle lanes are not part of that picture, MOTI said this week. Traffic congestion on Hwy 1 "is getting to the point that it's hurting commerce and time with families gets wasted," said Langford's mayor. A traffic gridlock resulted on Thursday this week (May 24) after a vehicle crash on the Malahat blocked all traffic for 14 hours in and out of the westshore/Victoria to upisland. **WSV**



Langford Mayor Stew Young

Mary Brooke ~ WSV

New EU privacy laws will impact Canadian business

West Shore Voice News

● **The European Union (EU)'s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**, was adopted by the 27-country regional government in 2016, to come into effect May 25, 2018.

This will very likely also affect Canada and Canadian companies, in that anyone

collecting personal data from European residents needs to comply with the new privacy law.

The GDPR has a sweeping scope that covers everything from giving people an opportunity to obtain, correct or remove personal data about themselves, to outlining rules for disclosing security breaches, to providing easily understood privacy policies and terms of service.

The amounts of fines will vary based on whether infringement is intentional or negligent, what actions are taken to reduce damage to the individuals, and what preparations in place to prevent non-compliance. The largest fine would be about \$30 million Cdn, or 4% of a company's annual global revenue, whichever is greater.

Smaller businesses in Canada likely won't be impacted if they are local and do not serve a global clientele. But with a lot of business activity done online to serve customers or tourists that may be from EU locations, the attention to the GDPR will likely need to be reviewed by quite a few Canadian businesses.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION WATCH 2018

by Mary P Brooke | West Shore Voice News

● **This week in the west shore**, long-term parent advocate Cendra Beaton announced she is throwing her hat into the race for one of the four Belmont Zone seats on the seven-seat Sooke School District 62 (SD62) board of directors.

The Belmont Zone covers Langford and Colwood school areas within SD62. Milne's Landing Zone covers schools in the Sooke area and brings three trustees to the table.

A Colwood resident, Beaton has been active with Canadian Parents for French, which has brought her to many SD62 board meetings since 2014 to give reports and advocate for the delivery of education in French (full immersion and core French within the English-speaking track). She says she has brought additional resources and funding to schools and has organized camps, events and additional support for children and families. Beaton says: "Our kids are my reason -- they are the core of our public education system."

Presently on the SD62 board from the Belmont Zone are trustees Wendy Hobbs, Ravi Parmar (chair), Denise Riley, and Dianna Seaton. The other three trustees on the current 2014-2018 board were elected in the Milne's Landing Zone: Bob Phillips (vice-chair), Neil Poirier, and Margot Swinburnson. Other than Parmar who has served just one term and Poirier who has served two terms, the other five trustees have served for 12 or more years.

Beaton is the first non-trustee to proactively announce candidacy for the SD62 board. Most if not all of the current SD62 trustees are likely to run in the October 20, 2018 election, to serve again in 2018-2022. Trustees who attended the May 22 SD62 board meeting were keen to hear the details of a new facilities management plan that would see several new schools built in the next few years to accommodate continued growth of the student population in particularly Langford and Sooke (with Colwood likely to see more students in a few years too). **WSV**



Cendra Beaton is running for a trustee seat on the SD62 Board.

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SD62 looking at more facilities expansion

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

● **The communities of Langford, Sooke and Colwood** are growing so fast that the Sooke School District (SD62) is already looking at building another new secondary school in Langford (and expansions to the EMCS in Sooke) as part of its long range facilities plan, in addition to the elementary and middle schools that it already has acquired land for in various locations around Langford.

Based on a projected student population increase of 37% over the next eight to nine years, about 4,400 new student spaces will be needed over the next 10 years. The present focus is on accommodating the youngest population into elementary (SD62's school land in Sunriver Estates could see a 396-seat school, and a new Sooke Elementary built) and middle (expansion at Journey and Dunsmuir, with renovations at Spencer), which will spill into secondary after that.

This was all part of a detailed presentation to the SD62 board, senior staff and stakeholder reps at the May 22 SD62 board meeting. *More next week. WSV*

Tutoring at the lunch hour at Royal Bay Secondary

West Shore Voice News

● **Students at Royal Bay Secondary** are helping out any fellow students who need tutoring. That's during the lunchtime on Wednesday in the Library/Learning Commons.

All subjects covered in the learning commons. Tutoring for Planning 10 happens in Room 1168. More tutors wanted; sign up for shifts in the Tutoring Google Classroom. *WSV*



HEALTH NEWS

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More nurse practitioners in BC

● **The BC government is creating 200 new nurse practitioner (NP) positions** to support patients as part of a shift to a team-based primary health-care system, it was announced May 23 by BC Minister of Health Adrian Dix.

"We know that there are significant numbers of British Columbians who have inadequate access to a primary care provider," said Dix.

"NPs are a viable, patient-centred solution to improving access, but we know that compared to other jurisdictions, BC has not made the best use of NPs. With the steps we are taking to fully leverage and integrate NPs into the province's primary care system, this is about to change," said Dix in a release.

The positions are being supported by approximately \$115 million over three years, to secure employment for NPs in primary care settings throughout BC. Government is also increasing the number of NP education seats by 66%.

NPs can work on their own, or with physicians and other health professionals, to provide care across a person's life span. This includes diagnosis and treatment, ordering and interpreting tests, prescribing medications and performing medical procedures. They hold a Masters or PhD. They are regulated by the College of Registered Nurses of BC and hold liability insurance through the Canadian Nurses Protective Society.

There are 426 practicing NPs in BC. The new positions will make a total of 626 NPs working in communities throughout BC. Distribution of NP positions will be based on regions with the highest need of primary care services. The positions will be available to new graduates as well as current NPs who wish to work to their full scope of practice in a primary care setting. NPs provide care in both primary and acute care settings including rural, remote and urban centers.

As well, \$1.2 million over two years will fund an additional 30 nurse practitioner education seats. Beginning in the 2018-19 academic year, 15 additional nurse practitioner seats will be added at UBC where NP studies began in 2003. There will be five new seats at UVic (with a further five seats in 2019-2020), and five at the University of Northern British Columbia. These institutions will train up to 75 nurse practitioners per year. *WSV*



Summer reminder: UV rays and your eyes

West Shore Voice News

● **To protect your eyes** from harmful solar radiation, sunglasses should block 100% of UV rays and also absorb most high-frequency, high-energy light (HEV) in the visible violet/blue band. Frames with a close-fitting wraparound style provide the best protection because they limit how much stray sunlight reaches your eyes from above and beyond the periphery of your sunglass lenses.

UVB rays are partially filtered by the ozone layer in the upper atmosphere. In low doses they produce melanin in the skin (i.e. suntan). But at higher doses cause sunburn and can cause inflammation of the cornea.

UVA rays are closer to visible light rays and can pass through the cornea to reach the retina inside the eye. This can lead to cataracts and possibly macular degeneration. *WSV*

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Highway 14 bus pullouts ready for installation of pedestrian shelters

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This is one of six (6) bus pullouts that was constructed by the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) along Highway 14 (Sooke Road) during April to mid-May. The installation of bus shelters for use by bus travelers at each of the pullout locations (one on either side of the highway at Harbourview, Laidlaw and West Shore Parkway) will be done "in the coming weeks", said MOTI this week. [West Shore Voice News photo - May 23] *WSV*

Green Party pushes for transit funding model

West Shore Voice News

● **"We must acknowledge** there are serious social, environmental and economic costs of inaction," said Adam Olsen, BC Green Party spokesperson for transportation, this week.

"A failure to reduce congestion will lead to loss of economic productivity, increased stress and its related health costs, loss of precious family and recreation time,

and the dire consequences of increased greenhouse gas emissions," said Olsen in a statement May 24.

He supports an equitable long-term funding model for transit. Olsen was responding to the Metro Vancouver's final Mobility Pricing Study report released May 24 by metro Vancouver mayors. *WSV*

Orca protection

West Shore Voice News

● **The federal government** on May 24 announced a plan to protect southern resident killer whales by cutting the allowable catch of the main food supply of the orca whales, i.e. Chinook salmon, by 25% to 35%.

Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke MP Randall Garrison has for years spoken up in the House of Commons to protect the now 76 remaining orcas that inhabit BC coastal waters.

Some in the recreational sport fishing community say environmental impacts are more to blame for orca demise than recreational salmon fishing.

The details of the protection measures to come from Fisheries and Oceans Canada have yet to be announced, but fisheries minister Dominic LeBlanc said they will include:

- Closures for recreational finfish and commercial salmon fisheries in portions of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and portions of the Gulf Islands.
- Partial closures in the mouth of the Fraser River to protect key foraging areas.
- Chinook fishery reductions across the BC coast including reduced harvest limits, size limits and time restrictions.
- Select area closures to protect wild Chinook stocks of concern.
- \$9.5 million in funding for eight projects across BC to restore habitat for Chinook salmon. *WSV*

More bee inspectors

West Shore Voice News

● **Two new bee inspectors** have been hired to join the northwest region of BC government's apiculture inspection team that provides support to the bee industry across the province.

"Honey bees play a critical role in the daily lives of all British Columbians. As a former farmer, I know how much farmers rely on pollination to maintain their livelihoods," said Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture. "We are committed to providing support and we are increasing inspection services to beekeepers in the province to ensure the health of our honey bees."

The provincial apiculture inspection team also includes eight inspectors who service the Fraser Valley (including Metro Vancouver), Kootenay, Shuswap-North Okanagan, South Okanagan-Similkameen/Kootenay-Boundary, Vancouver Island/Gulf Islands and Thompson-Cariboo-Central North regions.

The Ministry of Agriculture recently announced \$25,000 in support to the BC Honey Producers Association for researching bee health and pollination, through the BeeBC program. This partnership is intended to help honey beekeepers face the challenges found in today's environment, and help protect the health of the province's bees.

Bees play a major role in agriculture as pollinators of crops, contributing an estimated \$550 million to the economy in BC, and over \$2 billion in Canada. Honey bees impact the production of over \$250 million worth of fruit and field crops. Their sister species, the bumble bee, is used in the greenhouse industry, representing a value of about \$300 million annually. *WSV*

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Event postings: PRIORITY TO ADVERTISERS

75th Annual Swiftsure International Yacht Race. May 24 to 28. Race starts on Sat May 26. www.swiftsure.org
Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society. Sun May 27. Membership Meeting. 2 pm, SEAPARC meeting room, 2168 Phillips Rd, Sooke. www.sheringhamlighthouse.org

Colwood Regular Council Meeting. Mon May 28. 7 pm. www.colwood.ca

Sooke Regular Council Meeting. Mon May 28. 7 pm. www.sooke.ca

Twoonie Tuesday. Tues May 29 in Sooke, to support the food bank, by Sooke Harbourside Lions.

BC Legislative Assembly in session to May 31, then summer break. Fall session starts Oct 1. www.leg.bc.ca

International Students Grad Ceremony (SD62) Thurs May 31 at Royal Bay Secondary, 4:30 pm.

BC Minimum Wage up to \$12.65/hr. June 1.

Annual bat count - volunteers wanted for June 1 to 21. Contact Habitat Acquisition Trust (HAT) at bat@hat.bc.ca or 250-995-2428.

Sunriver Community Yard Sale, starts at 2350 Sunriver Way, Sooke. Sat June 2. 8am to 2pm.

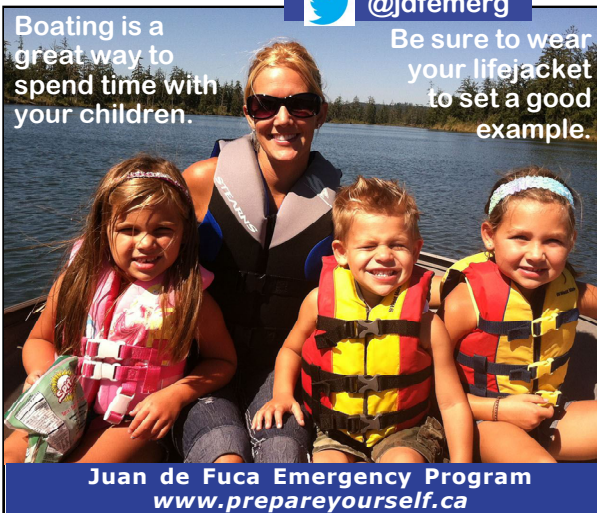
EMCS Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony. At Farquhar Auditorium, UVic. Sat June 2. 1 to 4pm.

Royal Bay Secondary Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony. At Farquhar Auditorium, UVic. Sun June 3. 11am to 1pm.

Sooke Fine Arts Show artist submissions to Mon June 4. Show July 27-Aug 6. www.sookefinearts.com

Belmont French Immersion Graduation Ceremony. At Belmont school. Wed June 6. 6 pm.

Sooke Night Market. Season opening night. Thurs June 7. Thurs nights 5 to 8 pm til Sept. Sooke Region Museum grounds. www.sookeregionmuseum.ca



Juan de Fuca Emergency Program www.prepareyourself.ca

Rock the Shores Contest. Win 2 weekend passes (GA July 13-15) courtesy of West Shore Voice News. By Fri June 8 write to news@westshorevoicenews.com about makes a great rock/pop song. One winning entry to be announced June 15.

BC Ferries - Swartz Bay terminal improvements public input up to June 8 at www.bcferrries.com/swbvision
'Rock the Rink' youth battle of the bands at JDF Curling Rink Sat June 9. 7 to 10:30 pm. Youth bands (under 18 yr) compete for the chance to play a set at Rock the Shores. Presented by West Shore Parks & Recreation in partnership with Atomique Productions and the Zone @ 91-3 radio. www.westshorerecreation.ca

Laser Tag & Swim. Sat June 9. 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Age 8-14. Laser, Tag, bouncy house in arena, swimming. \$5 for all three activities. www.seaparc.ca

Colwood Fire Hall Open House. Sun June 10. 10am-2pm. 3215 Metchosin Rd. www.colwood.ca

SD62: year-end school celebrations

Students, families, communities and schools are heading deep into grad and year-end celebrations in the west shore and Sooke areas (Sooke School District 62). From the May 23 Crystal View Spring Concert through to the Ecole Poirier year-end assembly (and several Graduation ceremonies in the mix), the list is long... 34 events in about five weeks.

Elementary and middle schools hold concerts, spring fairs and fun days. Grade 5 classes at elementary schools hold 'leaving' ceremonies as those 'grads' head to middle school in the fall. Middle schools hold year-end ceremonies as their senior students head into the SD62 high schools in Langford, Colwood and Sooke in September.

There are three high school graduation ceremonies being held at Farquhar Auditorium at the University of Victoria campus: EMCS June 2, Royal Bay June 3, and Belmont June 10. The West Shore Centre for Learning & Training grads will celebrate Grade 12 completion on June 2 at the Royal Colwood Golf Club. French Immersion graduations are held at the schools (Belmont & EMCS). The International Education graduates will celebrate May 31 at Royal Colwood Golf Club. Aboriginal Education Graduation was held May 23 at Bear Mountain Resort this year (instead of at Camosun). Grad ceremonies are attended by reps of SD62 senior staff and one or more trustees. **WSV**

New traffic pattern on Hwy 1 at McKenzie Ave

A new traffic pattern at Highway 1 (Hwy 1) and McKenzie Avenue was announced this week by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI).

Starting with this May 26-27 weekend, northbound lanes on Hwy 1 will begin to detour onto the newly constructed ramps for the future interchange. This new setup will be in place until construction of the overpass crossing Hwy 1 is completed in summer 2019.

Progress has been made on widening the Galloping Goose Trail and constructing crossings over both McKenzie Avenue and Hwy 1, to keep pedestrians and cyclists safer by being separated from vehicle traffic. Pedestrians are now able to use the trail infrastructure to cross Hwy 1 and McKenzie Avenue instead of waiting at the Hwy1/McKenzie traffic signal.

TRAFFIC INFO LANGFORD ON THE MOVE

Mon May 28 - Single lane alternating traffic on Millstream Rd (Treanor to Bear Mtn Pkwy) for road repairs, from 8:30 am. **Tues May 22 to Wed Aug 1.** Intermittent single-lane alternating traffic on Hannington Rd in Bear Mountain, 7 am to 5 pm. For BC Hydro installations & road construction.

Mon May 28 from 7pm to 7 am Tues May 29. Underground works by Shaw at the intersection of Goldstream Ave at Peatt Rd.

Mon May 28 to Thurs May 31 - 7 am to 5 pm. Carlow Rd at Goldstream Ave. Road closure (detour through Costin).

Tues May 29 from 8:30 am. Atkins Ave (Silverstone to Country Terrace). Traffic delays for road repairs.

Now to mid-July. Jacklin Rd closed (Jenkins to Terlane) to facilitate nearby construction efficiencies. Detour through the Belmont Market construction site on Division Ave.

Current to summer 2018. Leigh Rd at Langford Pkwy Railway Crossing. Completion of Leigh Rd Railway Crossing over to Langford Pkwy (near the sports fields).

Current, until mid-summer. Traffic interruptions for sewer installation along Bray Ave, Carlow Rd, Linda Lane (west of Jacklin Rd & Goldstream Ave).

For other short-term traffic advisories visit www.langford.ca



While the intersection configuration has changed, MOTI expects vehicle traffic to continue to flow at the existing speeds. There will be no changes to the signal timing operations. MOTI asks drivers to follow signs, watch for workers, and keep moving through the construction site while obeying the construction speed limit of 60 km/h.

Southbound traffic on Hwy 1 is expected to be detoured on a new alignment later this summer as construction progresses.

These lane shifts will allow crews to excavate the existing highway down and construct the overpass across the highway.

Map online: https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/166/2018/05/McKenzieInterchange_Map-May-2018.pdf **WSV**

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SEAPARC Mud Run 4.0. Sun June 10. \$10 pp. Youth age 5-13 year & families. www.seaparc.ca
Belmont Secondary Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony. At Farquhar Auditorium, UVic. Sun June 10. 11am to 3pm.

SEAPARC pool closed for maintenance. June 11 to July 2. www.seaparc.ca

Picnic in the Park & Dirt Jam. Sat June 12. 11am-1:30pm. Join 2018 Summer Camp Leaders and Sooke Bike Club for games, bike park races, live music by Gord Phillips Band. www.seaparc.ca

EMCS French Immersion Graduation Ceremony. At Belmont school. Thurs June 14. 5:30 pm.

Garden Days. Sun June 17 at Royal Roads University, 2005 Sooke Rd. Complimentary access to Hatley Park gardens all day. www.hatleypark.ca

Westshore Centre for Learning & Training Grade 12 Graduation Ceremony. Royal Colwood Golf Club. Tues June 26. 4 pm.

Happy Canada Day! Sun July 1.
Municipal Property Tax Deadline. Tues July 3.

Rock the Shores - outdoor weekend rock concert. Juan de Fuca Rec Centre lower fields, 1767 Island Hwy, Colwood. Fri Jul 13, Sat Jul 14, Sun Jul 15.

Single-day tx & weekend passes. www.rocktheshores.com

Sooke Fine Arts Show. July 27 to Aug 6 at SEAPARC Leisure Complex, Sooke. www.sookefinearts.com

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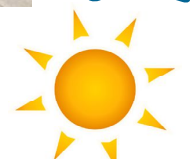
Got ideas to improve service at the BC Ferries Swartz Bay terminal here on Vancouver Island? There's a public input portal available for that up to June 8 at www.bcferrries.com/swbvision. There will also be meetings with key stakeholders and pop-up sessions at the terminal til early June, to better understand the terminal's role for communities and customer travel experiences within the regional transportation network. Design ideas for a new terminal will emerge from this; construction to start in 2021. Since a review in 2004 there have been ticket booth and traffic flow improvements, and some berth modifications. **WSV**



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